



PEERLESS PARNELLI . . . Parnelli Jones of Torrance runs second on the inside with Vel's Ford No. 97 in four-lap trophy dash at Ascot Oval. Jones later passed Lloyd Dane (44) and scored a victory. Jones hopes to sweep the 500-lapper scheduled for Ascot Saturday night in this same Vel's Ford, a 1959 model.

## Parnelli Jones To Wheel Ford In Ascot 500

Parnelli Jones, the pride of Torrance who this season has been "burning up" the Ascot turf, 182nd and Vermont, is considered a foremost thinker among auto racing's personnel. To date, Jones has turned down THREE different offers to drive a speedy mount in the rich Indianapolis classic. According to reports, the "lead-foot" was approached twice last year and once for the 1959 event. He has been quoted to say: "I don't want to end up

## Invitations to Ranchero Days Exhibitors Mailed

Letters of invitation to participate in the giant industrial exhibition to be held here July 22-26 were mailed this week by the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Jim Becker said the exhibition will be similar to the event held two years ago, and will be one of the highlights of this year's Ranchero Days Celebration slated for the same dates.

Becker stated the displays will be housed in a huge 240 foot tent.

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## Torrance Angler Qualifies For Friday Fishoff

With yellowtail catches at the Coronado Islands again on the boom, the first period fishoff of the \$25,000 San Diego Yellowtail Derby set for tomorrow, appears to be earmarked for some torrid action.

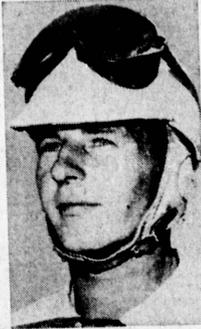
First of the three eight-week periods came to a close Sunday with minimum weight of 23 pounds 2 ounces prevailing. Qualifying in the second period began anew on Monday with the minimum weight once more at the 18-pound starting point.

Major prizes at stake in Friday's fishoff by the top 150 anglers of the period will be topped off by a 1959 Ford Ranch Wagon and will include a 15-foot vacation trailer, an 18-foot deep freeze, and other items of interest to the sportsman.

Top qualifier of the first period was Clifford A. Blunt, of Yucaipa, who bagged a 32 pound 2 ounce yellow to head the list. Other leaders included: 31-0, Mrs. Hallie Engler, San Diego; 30-4, Dr. John Kish, Whittier; 27-10, Roy Carter, Granada Hills; 27-8, Calvin Stinnett, San Diego; 27-6, L. G. Bonazzola, Bellflower; 27-4, William A. Risner, Anaheim; 26-15, H. C. Fields, Arcadia; 26-15, Bundy Colwell, Los Angeles.

Saturday's catch by derby contestants added up to 703 yellows, 3565 log barracuda, two big black sea bass, two 30-pound halibut, 45 bonito, and 530 calico bass.

Eligibles for Friday's fishoff include Charles Davis, 242 E. 220th St., Torrance, who made the list with a 24 pounds 12 ounce yellow.



ASCOT FAVORITE . . . Torrance's Parnelli Jones figures to take the bigger share of Saturday night's 500-lap main at the Ascot Oval in his 1959 Ford. Engine troubles have plagued Jones in recent starts, but he hopes to complete the Saturday classic.

on my ear while attempting to win the "500" before I'm ready for it." With this belief in mind, Parnelli elects to acquire his experience by leading other drivers in the race for the CRA (California Racing Assn.) 1959 crown. To date he leads his nearest rival, Jim Hurtubise, by more than 100 points.

Jones' performances at the half-mile track have been fabulous. He has won nine of 12 main event staged at the local speedway and his "run-away" of the title is similar fashion of the late Ernie Triplett's conquest of the Pacific Coast AAA big-car title at old Legion Ascot Speedway in 1931, which he won by an overwhelming margin of 300 points! Jones, born Rufus Parnelli Jones in Oklahoma, has resided in Torrance since 1939. Elementary school chums nicknamed him "Parnelli" and since then, "Rufus Parnelli" has long been forgotten. Currently, Jones is employed as a garage mechanic for Vel's Ford Co., Torrance, for whom he'll drive a 1959 Ford in Saturday night's 500-lapper at Ascot.



KEG CHAMPS . . . William Cooke, Inglewood Farms executive (second from right), receives award for his team who won the 850 Winter League championship at South Bay Center this week. Team, from left: Joe Richmore, Henry Gomez, Stanley Karhunial, Manny Coppola and Gene Dwyer.

## Lovelady Wins One-hit Game in City Play

Open League city softball for the weekend was highlighted by a one-hitter which Al Williams pitched the Lovelady Hardware nine to a 1-0 victory over the Redondo Latter Day Saints, allowing but one hit and walking only two. The game was further highlighted by a double which put Rich Guy on second base while brother Don stepped up to the plate and belted run producing and winning single which scored Rich. All totaled, the Lovelady team belted four hits and scored one run while the Redondo LDS could manage but one hit off the Lovelady hurler.

In the second game of the evening the Vickers team scored a 9-5 victory over the Aeros. Highlight of the game was the big four run seventh inning the Aeros produced in an effort to ever come a 9-1

lead the Vickers. Al Ortega got credit for the win while Tom Ito picked up the tab for the loss.

In a single Red-slo-pitch game at Walteria Park the Tappagekas kept their undefeated record intact by posting an 11-2 win over the J.F.F. (Just for Fun-ners. Credit for the victory goes to Chuck Ryan.

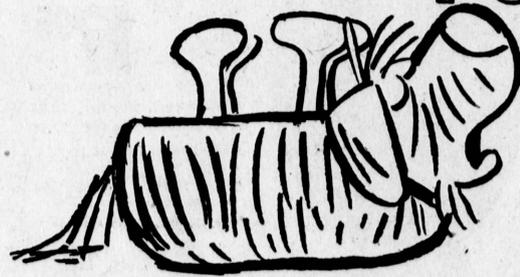
In the Open League play Tuesday night the Marine Clerks nosed out R. C. Dyer, 6-4, at Torrance Park. Batteries were Camou and D'Ambrosi and Reidel and Mendez. Walteria Kiwanis swamped Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen, 22-2. Wilson gave up the 22 runs on 20 hits. The South Bay Churchmen bowed to the Torrance Kiwanis Club, 8-17. In another lopsided game,

the Optimist Club downed the Torrance Lions, 23-3, in a Tuesday night game.

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